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(c) whether the female prisoner was sent to any of the medical officers at Adoni for examination as to marks of alleged violence to her on the part of the said police officer; and if so, with what result; and

(d) whether, and if so, what action has been taken as regards the conduct of the police officer complained against?

A.—(a) The warder not only failed to report but gave a false statement that he had reported the matter to the Sub-Jail Superintendent.

(b) Yes. The Divisional Officer's inquiry showed that there was no truth in the complaint.

(c) Yes. The prisoner was sent to the lady doctor at Victoria Memorial Women's Hospital at Adoni and certified to have no injuries or alleged marks of violence.

(d) In the circumstances, there was no need to take any action.

Settlement of Mappilla prisoners in the Andamans.

*459 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table of this House the evidence or
11-30 a.m. summary of the evidence of the witnesses, with their rank and qualifications, who support the project of the settlement of the Mappilla piso ners in the Andamans and state—

(a) who is the officer who was on special duty in the Andamans (see Legislative Council Proceedings, Volume XXIII, page 1024), on what duty he had been deputed there and under what circumstances he told the people of the conditions of life in the Andamans;

(b) whether he placed his statement in record before the official authorities;

(c) what he has to say about the Jail Committee's report on the conditions of life in the Andamans; and

(d) whether the report of that committee has been explained to the Mappilla prisoners who propose to settle there?

A.—(a) to (d) No witnesses have been examined.

Rao Sahib M. Kunhiraman Nayar, Deputy Collector, was the special officer. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the supplementary answers to question No. 653 given by the hon. Sir Arthur Knapp at the meeting of the Legislative Council of the 26th March 1925 which give the information which the hon. Member seeks and in which reference is made *inter alia* to the views expressed by the Indian Jails Committee on the conditions they found in 1919. Mr. Kunhiraman Nayar explained to prisoners the actual conditions of life in the Andamans.

As the hon. the Member refers to the report of the Indian Jails Committee in 1919, the Government place on the table of the House a description[a] of the conditions in the Andamans at present which has been prepared by Major Barker who only recently served there. The Government trust that this will be of interest to hon. Members.

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 846-849 infra.

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to know why the report of Rao Sahib M. Kunhiraman Nayar is not laid on the table of this House, or at least why his views should not be placed before us."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Confidential reports sent by officers of the Government are not generally laid on the table."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is there any report at all from this officer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Am I to take it that the report of Mr. Kunhiraman Nayar regarding the conditions in the Andamans is confidential and cannot be shown to us ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur : —" The report contains many other things besides."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Why does it contain so many other things ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am unable to answer it."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" Will the Government publish that portion of the report which appertains to the conditions in the Andamans ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice of the question."

Labour.

Recruitment of coolies to Assam from the Presidency.

* 460 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of coolies—men, women and children—recruited and sent month by month to the Assam Tea Estates from the beginning of this year from each of the districts of this Presidency ?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table.

Appointment of Special Superintendents to inspect the Labour schools.

* 461 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to answer, dated 7th February 1925, to question No. 205, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Special Superintendents to inspect the Labour schools have already been appointed ; and

(*b*) if not, when they are likely to be appointed ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to clause (*a*), may I know how many Special Superintendents have been appointed to inspect the Labour schools, and to what community or caste they belong ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I understand that five Special Superintendents have been appointed for the districts of Chingleput, Godavari, Kistna, Tanjore and South Arcot. I have no information as regards the caste to which they belong."

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 850 infra.